**Grant for Gujarat under NPEGEL**

1389. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the incentive grant approved by Government under the National Programme of Education for Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) for Gujarat during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the grant under this Scheme has been sanctioned for 2006-07 but has not so far been paid to Government of Gujarat;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) by when the grant will be paid to Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Grants released under the NPEGEL scheme to Gujarat in the last three years is as follows:

| Year | Grants released under NPEGEL (Rupees in lakhs) |
|---|---|
| 2003-04 | 134.72 |
| 2004-05 | 2827.00 |
| 2005-06 | 2454.14 |

Rs. 302.25 lakhs under NPEGEL has been released to Gujarat in 2006-07 upto 31.12.2006.

**Non-utilization of funds for SSA**

1390. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan could not be used by many States during the current fiscal year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for this and the steps Government are taking for strict implementation of the scheme?